IOLA. : : : KANSAS ONE NEW YEAR IN A THOUSAND.

Betty Wilmarth-and a piquant little beauty she was. They used to call her a changeling; for where she found that Spanish face of hers, no-body knows. Yes, Betty Wilmarth was a beauty, and somehow as fascinating as beautiful; full of innocent caprices. that set you to wondering what would be the next, and kept your interest alive; with a temper that struck sparks, but which was in the next moment all sweetwhich was in the next moment all sweet-ness; impulsive, warm-hearted, a charm-ing, willful piece, setting her lovers by the ears, and making all the other girls devoutly wish she would be married and done with it; for of course there was no chance for any body else so long as Bet-

chance for any body else so long as Betty Wilmarth was around.

But Betty Wilmarth was in no sort of hurry to marry; one by one, she filliped off her lovers lightly as thistle-down. Petted and caressed and indulged to death, as people said, she declared she wanted artifact to be an old man's darling nor a young man't slave; and old lowers consoled themselves and new lovers took their turn, and she was heart-whole and happy, singing her way through life, and counting her twenty years in the sunshine as a child might count a row of brilliant beads.

But one of these lovers was not to be But one of these lovers was not to be filliped off as lightly as the rest; and that was her mother's young step-cousin, will danader. He had come down to Frensborough from his mountain home in the deep forests, after the disastrous fire that left him only bare rock for his inheritance; and where, save for his inheritance; mother, and some old goodies, he had never seen a woman; and Betty had struck him as a godden might have struck a clown. Not that Will Maunder was a clown, by any means—his mother, a lady who carried her ladyhood into the woods, had attended to all that; and a woods, had attended to all that; and a certain wild grace and rade courtesy accompanied his every action. But he was a brawny, long-legged, stalwart fellow, for all that, and his fair face had been sun-kissed with many a freekle, and his hair curled close to his head in tight rings; but Betty knew aothing about any Greek head with close curls of the any Greek head with close curis of the same description, and would have liked it no better if she had; and of all things, she despised freckles. She had an ideal of the face and form and mind and manners that were to win her on some distant day—a day distant enough to borrow enchantment—a slender knightly shape, perhaps, a perfect countenance, long auburn locks—

discolored, as if a crown Encircled them, so frayed the basnet where A sharp white line divided clean the hair, Glossy above, glossy below,

She would not have liked it at all if she had seen it so; and if she had but known it, the massive limbs and shoulders of Will Maunder were much more like the ancient knights she dreamed about than possibly could be this absurd and puny ideal she had set up.
"The days of chivalry are over now,"

said Betty, with a sigh.

"Mighty disagreeable, cold, cheerless, dangerous, and uncomfortable days you would have found them," said Will.

"Cheerless or not, they're over." "What makes you say so, Betty?" he asked, from where he sat at her feet. "Oh, because they are!" she answered, throwing up her pretty arms and clasping them above her head as she leaned it back among the honeysuckles, and looked as sweet as they, and made poor Will's heart beat with looking at her. "Oh, because they are! Who would dare great adventures for any body now—scale castles, kill giants, enter the dens of wild beasts-

"I would—for you, Betty,"
"Oh dear me! How tired I am of hearing you say so! They would, for any body. Now please doa't, Will dear, any more! There are no castles here; I don't want any thing of wild beasts; and you're a giant yourself, you

supposed story fired the Freneborough heart—the feminine auricle of it—and all the romance of Betty's dreams rose to meet it. As for the young exile himself, he was the very creature of romance—so tall and pale and dark and melanchely; his immense dusky eyes not Will with her father? For no reamont fell of the strange, and men. melanchely; his immense dusky eyes seemed full of the strange, sad memories of wonderful adventure and experience in the Apennines, and on the Campagna, and among the brigands of the Romagna; and the light of heroic days and nights made, as one might say, a halo round him as he walked.

In order with the father? For no reason but that she had in reality driven him away.

If crying would have brought him back, Will Maunder could have sailed to Betty on a flood of tears; but tears being useless, Betty scorned to shed them. She had no idea where he was, a secont for the vague rumor that spoke

a halo round him as he walked.

Certainly, now, it was hardly Mr.
Valerino's fault; he never said he was a patriot; he never whispered of conspiracies among old ruins and in the Catacombs; he couldn't help being tall and pale and melancholy; and there was no reason why he should mention that his father had for forty years played the piccolo in the orchestra of a New York theater. If people chose to take him up and make his way easy for him, it seemed all right and natural. After he discovered the reason, his lessous being nearly through, and his vanity too sensitive for an explanation, he quietly left town on ending his engagements. But meanwhile this little Betty Wilmarth was frightfully beautiful—to a man who knew also was as much forbidden to him as though she lived in one of the fixed stars. It was very pleasant to receive the addition, in the decad and missing, in the discharged, in the forlorn-

miration of such a being; he had not the strength of mind to undeceive her; and Betty wenton, making a simpletion of hereid, kindying, and converding of hereid, kindying, and converding of hereid, kindying, and converding of the hereid of the hereid

pale of civilization. "I won't be supervised in this way!" cried Betty to herself, for her sisters were not of fit age to receive the confidence. "It's as bad as having a spy at one's feet. I can't endure it another day, and I shall tell him so!" And, unfortunately, just as she was irately broading over these wrongs, her father sent for her, that he might ascertain her feelings in regard to a proposition he was inclined to make Will—a proposition to take him into his business, allowing him an interest now for his work and oversight, and finally retiring in his favor. Owing

don't keep him here."

And Betty's voice settled it. Mr. Wilmarth told his wife's young step-cousin that he had changed his mind, and had no place for him in his business, but knew of an opening, and would estab-lish him in it, in a Western city. "Is it Betty's wish?" said Will. And he rethe betty's wish?" said will. And he re-fused the proffer, and one evening, catching Betty's hand, as he bid her good-by, and lifting it to his lips with a kiss that burned in upon it, he left the place, and buried himself, unknown,

beasts; and you're a giant yourself, you know."

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I't ike Hope'o my-dutuh, Fred the second of the place, and buried himself, unknown, among the Southern mountains with some flocks of sheep.

One might suppose that Betty would have been satisfied then. Not she, She had reason!"

I't don't—from any body else."

But if you use it yourself, you're no right—"

Oh dear me! If only those criticised who were perfect themselves, what a delightful, easy-going world it would be! If seems is me, Will Baudiet; hat me word and the seems that she could not account to the seems and the seems that she could advise; and little she seems the seems that she could not account with the seems that she could not account the seems that he sough the ride; would be least here, willing on the relation of the place of the seems that she could not account with the seems that she could not account the seems that she could not account and single with her, his voice trembling as he heard her; would go one in and sing this new song with me; it needs a great rolling base." And so Will would go in and sing with her, his voice trembling as he heard her; would so the heard her; would be to give not here the seems that she could not account and saint with the she could sock keepers earlied from the ground of readence in the house, Betty riverself, seems the shouse, Betty riverself, seems the shouse, Betty riverself, seems the shouse, Betty riverself, seems that so could not make the should be the should be shedding because Will saint grain the seems that the south that the south the seems that she could not while will be the saint she would be too if the were in the breaker and the shedding because Will saint grain the shedding because Will would go in a hardy the shedding because Will saint grain the shedding b

fered Will to stalk on in silence beside the first snow-storm of the winter came, them, while she talked a broken lingo and she remembered that it was heaping of Italian phrases with the young mas-ter, which, for the time being, she felt, put Will Maunder entirely outside the Christmas season that he used to like so pale of civilization. "I won't be super- much she sat in darkness. She forgot

terest now for his work and oversight, and finally retiring in his favor. Owing to her mother's ill health, her father had fallen into a habit of consulting Betty rather than disturb the invalid, sufficiently occupied with her ailments.

"Oh, father, father! You don't mean that you ever thought of doing such a silly thing!" cried Betty, in free disgust. "And when he pesters me so! I never should have another day's peace in my life. You might just as well put me in prison, with a spy and a master I never should have another in my life. You might just as well put in my life. You might just as well put me in prison, with a spy and a master over me. Oh, no, indeed! Give him any thing, but send him away. Start him in business in Australia, buy him a farm in the West, but don't, father, pray, the don't keep him here."

Anou't keep him here." lants at the door that used to cross its threshold for Betty's sake. She wondered what they found to laugh at; in all the wide sad world there was nothing at which she could smile; the very blowing of the gale, the whirling of the snow and sleet through the white, cold heavens, seemed only to answer her own misery. She sat in the little side parlor off the others, staring through the window with her wild and wretched gaze, though, for amearances, a book

> died at all, but gone back from hospital to sheep-farm, and only come at last, drawn by some wild magnetism in the strength of her longing for him? The questions surged through her mind as the snow-flakes surged outside; and then it seemed that he must be some great acquiring appreciation constitution and the strength of the strength of the surged outside; and then it seemed that he must be some great acquiring appreciation constitution and the strength of t great accusing apparition, come only to destreyher; the world was reeling black-ly away from her, and it was, maybe, nothing but the kisses on her lips that held her firm to life, that called her back to light and joy in Will Maunder's arms, on this one New-Year's in a thou-

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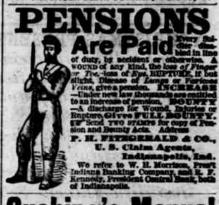
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